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ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΙΣ - DIRECTION

18th Dec 1920

34 Academy Street
Athens - Greece

The Secretary
The American Numismatic Soc.
New York

Dear Sir

I thank you for your communication of 16th ult announcing to me my nomination as an associate of the American Numismatic Society. I very much appreciate the honor conferred upon me. Will you kindly please thank Mr. Edw. T Newell for having nominated me a Member.

Please now let me know what are my duties to the Society & may I add my advantages.

Yrs faithfully

Let me not know how to [illegible]

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Athens
24th Dec 1921

Edward T. Newell Esqre.
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St
New York

Dear Mr Newell

I have just received your very interesting publication on Ancient Seleucid Coinage. I am very thankful both to Society & yourself for this & similar publications which I have at times received.

I do not know how I stand with the Society

I enclose $5 U.S. currency & take the liberty to ask you to hand it to the Society against my debt. If they will let me know how I stand with them I shall be quite pleased to settle.

Wishing you the compliments of the season

I am yours faithfully
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Owed for 1922 dues only
To be remitted 1923

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ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΙΣ - DIRECTION

27/12/20

Dear mr Newell

By an oversight my letter to you was posted yesterday (holiday) without the cheque remittance of $5. I enclose herewith $5 U.S. currency

Yours truly

J. Z (mpenekes)

34 Academy Street
Athenes, Greece

January 12th, 1921

Mr. G. Empedocles
Banque Commerciale de Grece
Athenes, Greece

Dear Mr. Empedocles:

Your letter of December 18th is at hand, and I am enclosing the bill for your dues as Associate of the Society for the year 1921.

As a Member you will receive our publications the first of which is being forwarded you under separate cover. You will, also, be privileged to subscribe to any medals which we may issue but, of course, you will understand that a subscription for them is not obligatory.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

S/N/E

February 1st, 1922.

Mr. C. Empedocles,
34 Academy Street,
Athens, Greece.

Dear Sir:-

Because of Mr. Newell's absence in Europe, your letter addressed to him was opened here. It is possible you may see him in Athens before we do here in New York.

With regard to your dues, permit me to say that the five dollars enclosed paid for 1922. Please therefore disregard the bill which was sent you at the beginning of the year which will probably have reached you in the meantime. I enclose a receipt herewith.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

June 29th, 1922

M. G. Empedocles
34 Academy Street
Athens, Greece

Dear Sir:

We are preparing a bibliography of finds of Greek coins, and although I am aware that nothing has yet been published regarding the find of tetradrachms of Sende in 1914, I am wondering if you would be willing to put us in possession of such facts as you may have with regard to it.

I am writing at the suggestion of Mr. Newell and I shall much appreciate any information you may be able to give me.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

EPN/K

July 26th, 1923

G. Empedocles, Esq.
34 Academy Street
Athens, Greece

Dear Mr. Empedocles:

Your response to our card, asking members in what fields of numismatics they are interested, was placed before me shortly after I got back.

I wish you could have been here to have witnessed Mr. Newell's pleasure over some of the coins which I brought for him, as well as over the casts of the Alexanders and Philips, some of which you will remember were among the things I got during my last visit to your Collection.

You will recall that I told you that I was going to try to persuade Mr. Newell to take one of your duplicates of the Mende pieces - this is the one with the grain of wheat in the exergue; and if you will send it to him, I feel sure that he will arrange some exchange which will be to the advantage of both.

You may be interested to know that I saw Mr. Ritsos in Paris, and that he showed me his Mende pieces. Some of them are magnificent.

Have you seen Dr. Regling's article in the Zeit. f. Num., Bond XXXIV, Heft, 1, 2? I am not sure whether or not you read German, but it is a most interesting article. And the archaic piece which you acquired just before I left promises to afford some interesting data.

As I remember it, you have two or more specimens of the tetrobols with the vine and bunch of grapes over the back of the donkey. If you consider either of these duplicates, I should be very glad to know if you would think of parting with one of them.

As for other collectors in America who might have duplicates to exchange, I know of no one except possibly Mr. W. Gedney Beatty, 247 Central Park West, New York, and Dr. E. P. Robinson, 12 High Street, Newport, R.I. I am not sure that either of these would have duplicates but they are certainly the only ones who might.

G. Empedocles, Esq. July 26th, 1923

I should be glad to have a line as to how successful you were in obtaining coins from the sale in Lucerne.

It is a very great pleasure to look back on the happy afternoons I spent with you, going over your Collection. I much appreciate your many courtesies, and I should be only too glad if an opportunity might offer to be any service to you within my power.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

SPH/E

November 23rd, 1923

Mr. G. Empedocles
34 Academy Street
Athens, Greece

Dear M. Empedocles:

It gave me great pleasure to receive your letter of November 4th. I did not respond to your previous note because I gathered I would receive this one before a great while, and consequently awaited it.

I am delighted with the little tetrobol(?) of Mende, which I am very glad to take at Three Pounds; and I believe I can find someone who will want the other piece you sent me.

As I wrote you, I was under the impression that you had a duplicate of the type with the grain of wheat in the.

I am very much interested in the four new pieces of which you write. Could you not make impressions of them in sealing wax for me? I do not recall anything which quite answers the description you have given and suspect that this is a new variety.

The Spring Sale at Lucerne of Mr. Bement's collection will indeed be an important one, for it comprises only the first portion extending down through Greece Proper, and I feel sure that there will be many pieces to interest you as the owner collected only pieces in the best of condition, and made most of his purchases through Spink.

If you secure any further Mende duplicates, of which you are willing to dispose, and can send me wax impressions of them, it is just possible that I may be able to interest some of our people in them.

If I do not find someone to take the Mende Tetradrachm immediately, would you be willing to permit me to hold it until Mr. Newell returns from his trip to Europe about March 1st.

With cordial wishes that your holiday season may be a very pleasant one, I am,

Very truly yours,

SPN/E

Secretary

February 20th, 1924

M. G. Empedocles
34 Academy Street
Athens, Greece

Dear M. Empedocles:

Your kind letter of January 25th arrived just after I had secured the drafts in the letter recently mailed to you, and it was, therefore, too late to deduct the amount of your dues from that remittance. There is no special hurry about this however, and I shall hold the matter open until I hear whether the proposition in my previous letter is acceptable to you. In any event, the deduction can be made for your dues in a future remittance.

Yes, we received the Euboean drachm, and I was particularly pleased to have it added to our Cabinet.

I shall be glad to hear of the result of the Bement Sale, and hope that you will have secured some of the pieces you desire.

With cordial greetings, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Secretary

March 27th, 1924

M. C. Empedocles
34 Academy Street
Athens, Greece

Dear M. Empedocles:

Thank you for your letter of March 6th, enclosing the sealing wax and tinfoil impression of the interesting Mende piece which you have just obtained. I am very glad indeed to have this.

I congratulate you on your acquisitions from the Bement Sale; the prices were very high, as you say, and some of the pieces you obtained are unquestionably important. Mr. Newell, who has just returned, did not get anything like as many as you did, and he is envious of one or two of your purchases.

As you already have five of the Agrigentum pieces, of course you would not want the one I sent you.
I note what you say about the Mende piece and can quite understand your position.

To my consternation, Mr. Newell says that the small tetrobol which you sent me is an electrotype. I am sending it back to you because, if I remember correctly, you told me that it was obtained from Spinks, and you will therefore have no difficulty in making them refund you. Don't trouble about reimbursing me but hold this amount in the hope that there may be something released among your duplicates against which it could be applied.

If the Mende tetradrachm which you are holding at $150.00 were in a little better condition, I might feel that I could ask you to send it; but as it is, this is a little beyond my means.

Thank you for the Five Dollars for your membership dues for 1924.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

May 6th, 1925

M. G. Empedocles
34 Academy Street
Athens, Greece

Dear M. Empedocles:

Your letter of April 1st has just reached me. I am sorry that you missed seeing Mr. Hoyt Miller. Mr. Newell planned, when he left here, to visit Athens but he writes now that his plans have been changed and that he will not see you on his trip. Mrs. Brett is in Athens, however, and I hope you will meet her.

Congratulations on your additions to your collection.

I often think of the pleasant visits I had with you when I was in Athens.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

May 16th, 1924

Mr. G. Empedocles
34 Academy Street
Athens, Greece

Dear M. Empedocles:

Your letter of April 23rd, with the two coins of Mende and one of Antigonus, has safely reached me. So, too, with the one which preceded it with the five tetradrachms of Alexander, which you believed may have come from the Andritsaena hoard.

I believe I can place the Mende pieces for you. At any rate, I am going to try, but I very much doubt if this will be true of the others for Mr. Newell does not want them, and, of course, there are but few other collectors of Alexanders here.

I am sending this merely as an acknowledgment so that you may know that both your letters arrived. I will write again as soon as I have definite news of you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΙΣ - DIRECTION

Athens 29th June 1924

Dear Mr Noe

I thank you very much for your kind message announcing the safe arrival of the cases & contents to Send you. - I am glad to hear that you & the family are well & that the Swiss air is agreeing with you. I am sorry to hear that you have the same trouble with the eyes as I have & I hope that the doctor will be able to relieve you from this pain. - Yours [illegible]

also two ideas come but
I don't think they can be
from the sun. They are rather
from a different source.
I had them with [illegible] and
Thunderbolt. I had them
F-A in Aladdin for Eagle Lord
wings erect.

I am sorry to say on my
arriving to clean the mind
small effect on it. I write and
am rather confused in my
meanings as to their origin
genuineness. I saw a few
nudes striking
Sinclair in Carpenter Trans
Wh. he did not doubt, but not me
with the girl. The [illegible]
a powerful effect on me
I am sorry if mine is not good these
are not an original from Wh.
It has been copied.

The music for the Alexander
is a will [illegible] the new but
Wonderful Isle. Theodora had
all 100 pieces I found in all of with
certain symbols. of mysticism

August 31, 1934

M. G. Empedocles
34 Academy Street
Athens, Greece

Dear M. Empedocles:

Your letter of June 28th came duly to hand, and it has interested Mr. Newell very greatly. I congratulate you on having obtained 39 of these Alexanders. The old one is an interesting, Mr. Newell asks me to say that he would much appreciate it if you would make a list of the symbols. Some of the varieties you may be able to find illustrated in his publications of these coins, and that would simplify the matter.

I am sorry to report that my efforts to dispose of your two Mende pieces have so far been without result. When I wrote you first, I thought that Mr. Newell did not have the better preserved one - but in this I was mistaken. One of our members, however, who was gone abroad for the summer, was much interested in the piece. I sent him a cast, but he was obliged to sail before he could see the piece, and, with your permission, I should like to hold it until his return in the Fall.

I fear I shall be unable to do anything with the Alexander, even at the lower figure, as Mr. Newell is practically the only one here who collects them. However, I shall hold them all and return them later.

Have you heard of Mr. Blegen's marriage? We were very much delighted over the news. He and his bride will return to Athens in the Fall; and as Mrs. Blegen is very much interested in coins, I hope that there will be an opportunity for her to see your collection some time during the winter.

Mr. Seeger arrived week before last with a very important hoard of Cretan coins, concerning which he is preparing an article for our Notes & Monographs. He told me that he was going to write and ask you for the loan of a piece of similar nature which Dr. Regling reported having seen when he visited you. If you do not care to send this piece - as I believe he requested, perhaps you might have it photographed in Athens.

We should be glad to have you tell us at any time of further hoards of which you may learn.

With cordial regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

P. S. Mr. Newell has just been here and he said that he had written you, but that he did not say anything about the Tenos piece. He agrees with me that we should tell you what we how about this coin - I should prefer, however, for obvious reasons that you do not mention the source of your information.

This coin was purchased from Christodoulos. Mr. Newell saw it when he was in Athens last. in his possession. It was purchased by Mr. Seltman during his stay in Athens. It was offered to the British Museum, and at Mr. Hill's request Mr. Newell wrote them giving his reasons for believing it an Alexander tetradrachm of Cilician fabric which had been modified to its present form. His reasons convinced the B. M. people who returned it to Mr. Seltman.

You will understand that neither Mr. Newell nor I have any desire to interfere in a transaction with which we have no concern. We do feel, however, that we should be unjust to you, as a member of our Society, if we stood by without stating the fa ts fo the case.

Very truly yours,

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ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΙΣ - DIRECTION

[illegible]
14 Sept 20

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It is some time since I have endulged in writing to you my disinclination. I was abroad during the Summer, passed thro' Italy Switzerland France & England on matters & what with business & Combines.

I enclose a memorandum of the Bank I bought of the VII Bonds sale

№ 1084. 1176. 1280. 1247. 1265. 1267. 1292. 1307. 1316. 1331. 1372. 1367. 1480. 1484 1498. 1491. 1502. 1526 1534. 1549. 1571. 1590. 1621. 1652 1699. 1768.

I have further bought here a fine specimen of the Compagnies ancienne £40 Ch. Obl 1879 Bonds & a Banque Obl 1843. D. £150 - Banque originally & Compagnies Bonds

from Spink I bought a good specimen
of the Elis dies cfr. S. Roman. CD - £2.
n° 65 - In France I bought a fine Corinth
Stat. cfr. Rhodes n° 243 cfr 4500.
It may interest you to know that I bought
of E.J. Seltman a lot of Jews which he
considers unpublished. It is exactly of
the type of Alex. III 4th Stat. only has
a Lion in the T - H on either side
of Zeus seated instead of the ALEXANDRO
The Heracles head is rather of good style.
There is a demand now for good
Greeks but Centuries & Roberts
prices range high. I sold to a
Dealer in France two of my duplicate
Stat. £ 28. - £2) he will doubtless
sell them n° 70/80 - Have you at
present here a very fine Greek
Coin Bement VI n° 65 ; it is £ 28.
(I see the writing Seltman
represents a letter to me. Wants
Raymond as I think your
writing interview may pass

efficacious. Some people are remiss in business ways. Anyone if possible should be intervene by all means desist from doing so

I hope to see you again shortly in Warren with an assistant come with a map some unfinished purchases I am told this spring again. His prices make it more difficult for us here to pick up good pieces.

Mrs Christenson as you may know has died, his sons do not seem to care much for it as yet.

Kind regards from Mrs Nichols

I am

Yrs sincerely

[illegible]

October 24th, 1924

Mr. G. Empedocles
34 Academy Street
Athens, Greece

Dear Mr. Empedocles:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of September 14th, and I have delayed replying in the hope that the member who seemed interested in your Mende piece might get back from Europe in time for me to tell you whether or not he would take it. He has not yet come and I must, therefore, hold it for a few weeks longer.

I forwarded your letter to Mr. Wayte Raymond, as you suggested. In talking with him recently, he said that it must have been delivered during his absence in Europe. He said, however, that he had written to you, and I hope he has satisfactorily straightened out the matter.

Thank you for your list of pieces which you acquired at the Bement Sale. I went over it with Mr. Newell; you said that he had bid on a number of them. He is going to write you about your Tenos piece shortly.

I note what you say about Mr. Warren's having been in Athens. Do you mean that he has purchased coins?

I had occsion to write to Dr. Petsalis recently for casts of his Aeginetan Imperial bronze coins. He very courteously sent these to me; and among them are, at least, two which are unpublished. We plan to include them in a forthcoming monograph.

We shall be very glad to hear further of your acquisitions any time, and especially of any hoards which you may learn have come into the possession of Athenian dealers.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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BANQUE COMMERCIALE DE GRÈCE

Athens 21st Jan 1925

To Treasurer

The American Numismatic Soc

Y Yrs

Dear Sirs

In answer to your reminder receipt for my subscription for 1925, I am pleased to enclose herewith the same.

I am

Yours faithfully

G. Seferiades.

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February 6th, 1925

Mr. G. Empedocles
34 Academy Street
Athens, Greece

Dear Mr. Empedocles:

Thank you for your remittance to cover your dues for 1925, which came yesterday.

I sent you a few days ago two registered packages containing all coins sent to me by you, with the exception of one Mende piece for ₹ 26, for which I am still hoping to find a purchaser. I am sending it to one of our out-of-town members who expressed a desire to see it; and as soon as I hear from him, I will report to you further.

One of our members very much interested in Greek coins, Mr. Hoyt Miller, expects to be in Athens within a few weeks. I have given him a card to you; and if it is convenient for you to show him your collection, I am sure you will enjoy his visit as he is most enthusiastic.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

April 24th, 1926

Mr. G. Empedocles
34 Academy Street
Athens, GREECE

Dear M. Empedocles:

Your letter of the 10th has given me much pleasure, and I am glad to send you under separate cover, the monograph on Coin Hoards which is lacking in your files. No Proceedings were printed in this form for 1924 and 1925, but I am sending them to you in the other form in which they appeared.

You should have the received the Mende article by this time. I should be glad to learn how it impresses you.

We, too, have noticed the number of Mende counterfeits appearing. I have illustrated three of the dies on my Plate X.

I will pass on your message to Mr. Newell, though I think he did not secure the Epidaurus piece you mention.

I am glad that you see something of Professor West, He is a very fine man and a very good friend of mine.

Mr. Miller has returned with a glowing account of your hospitality, and the pleasure he had in looking over your coins. Thank you for your courtesies to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

June 17, 1925

Mr. G. Empedocles
34 Academy Street
Athens, Greece

Dear Mr. Empedocles:

This letter will serve to introduce to you Professor Allen B. West, a member of our Society and a gentleman who is much interested in the coinage of the Chalcidic League and of the neighboring districts of Macedonia and Thrace. I know it will give you pleasure to meet him and I trust that it will be possible for you to permit him to see your collection of the pieces of these sections.

Professor West expects to be in Athens during the winter to carry on his studies of the Athenian quota lists. Both he and I will appreciate anything that it is possible for you to do to help him.

Very truly yours

GPN C

Secretary

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14/11/27

Amer. Numismatic Soc.

With compliments of Banque for reminder.

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ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΙΣ - DIRECTION

American Numismatic Society
156th Street
New York
NY

Dear Sir

Enclosed herewith I have
pleasure in handing you
[illegible] cheque
in settlement of our subscription
for the Numismatic Society for this year.

As I think you are
aware, I am a great admirer of ancient Greek coins
& have in the past collected a whole
collection of ancient Greek coins.

I shall be glad if this
will help you & I am sure
you will be interested

in Liège for several months inspecting
[illegible] for sale.

I am
Yours faithfully
[illegible] Leclercq.

3d February, 1928

Mr. Gregory Empedocles,
34 Academy Street,
Athens, Greece

Dear Mr. Empedocles:

Thank you for your note of January 17th enclosing remittance of $5.00 for your dues for 1928.

We appreciate your writing that you will always be glad to welcome our members when they are in Athens. I trust you will have by this time become acquainted with Miss Stebbins, who is at the American School this year. She is interested in coins and anxious to learn more. If you should meet her, I feel sure that she will be grateful for an invitation to see some part of your magnificent collection. I wish that I might be able to take advantage of your hospitality and see some of the acquisitions which you doubtless have made since I last had the privilege of visiting your home.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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BANQUE COMMERCIALE DE GRÈCE

Athens 10th Jan 1929

The American Numismatic Society

New York

Dear Mr Roe

I have pleasure in handing you herewith $5 in currency for my subscription for the current year to your Society.

I hope during the year you will pay us a visit also. Mr Newell. — Nothing of interest has turned up lately.

My collection has now grown to be somewhat important. I bought very little at last Lucerne Sale.

It always gives me much pleasure to show coins to friends you may have to recommend to me.

I have a fair number of duplicates moitié suitable for study & exchange in my collection.

Wishing you & Mrs Roe & Mr Newell also Mrs Newell a Happy Christmas

I am very sincerely

J. Imhoof-Blumer.

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24th January, 1929

Mr. C. Empedocles,
Banque Commerciale de Grèce,
Athens, Greece

Dear Mr. Empedocles:

I was glad to have the note which accompanied your dues for 1929, and I heartily echoeyour wish that I might be coming to Athens this year, but there is nothing like this in prospect so far as I know. I doubt that Mr. Newell will get there, but there is much more likelihood that he will do so than that I can.

What you write about having duplicates interests me, because we have a number of our members who would be glad to see such coins, and there is a reasonable prospect that if you could send a selection a fair proportion might remain here. If you can arrange to do this, may I suggest that you do not send any pieces worth more than $20 or $25 and that you give preference to the smaller denominations costing from $5.00 to $10 each. I would also suggest that you do not send any Nemde tetradrachms, as the market has been flooded with these. If you have duplicates of higher-priced coins and can arrange to send casts, we could then advise you if it seemed desirable to send the coins for examination. Should I learn of any of our members who are contemplating visiting Athens, I shall surely suggest that they call upon you if their time permits.

With cordial regards and with hearty wishes that your New Year too may be a very happy one, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary

January 16th 1930

Mr. Gregory Empedocles
34 Academy Street
Athens, Greece

Dear Mr. Empedocles:

Your Christmas and New Year greeting card gave me a great deal of pleasure and I am sending this brief note to thank you for it and to tell you how much I wish I might again experience your hospitality. I am reminded of your kindness by so many of my friends who come back from Athens with reports of your courtesy in permitting them to see your coins. I feel sure that your collection must have grown considerably since I last saw it. May I express the hope that the New Year will be a happy and successful one for you.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.